



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

1st - 5th June 2026

Phonics

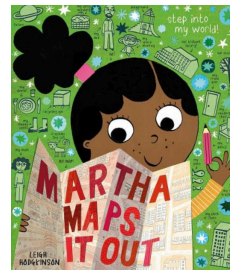
This week in phonics, our focus has been on consolidating our knowledge of the Initial Code. We have been looking once more at the different ways we can spell the /v/ sound noticing that it has two spellings; <v and ve>

We have been exploring where these two spellings typically appear in words recognising that this can often determine whether two sounds are being made or one.

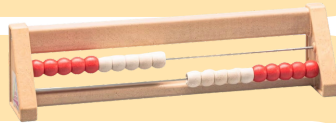
As always, practice is the route to automaticity. We're getting there!

Other things we have learned

Our story this week has been 'Martha Maps it Out', a beautiful mini exploration of maps and a little girl's developing sense of self and place. The story gave us the backdrop against which we could talk about the purpose of a map acknowledging the vast array of places both physical and metaphysical (that's right!) a map could delineate. I often wonder what a map of my head would look like! We loved the little bite-sized snippets of information we could pick up from this week's story.



Maths



We have been exploring and applying our Foundational knowledge of maths this week with the aid of a rekenrek. A rekenrek is a visual tool made up of two rows of 10 beads with each row split into groups of 5 red beads and 5 white beads. It's a fabulous aid that can really help children to 'see' numbers. The children manipulate the beads to build their number sense, subitise and explore addition and subtraction.

Multi-sensory experiences are always an incredibly powerful route to meaningful learning.

Our topic this half term is 'Wheels in Motion'. Our exploration begins with a look at maps and our local area. We spent time on Google Maps (owing largely to the unpredictable British weather!) to spot some of the local landmarks we recognised and to start securing a sense of place. The children speak so fondly of their local area, clearly a testament to the sense of pride and community it provides. We also looked at transportation and discussed the variety of ways we move around our local area.

Events



Sports Day - Friday 12th June 2026 9.15am - 11.45am

Fathers Day Sale - Thursday 18th June 2026

Fathers Day Assembly - Afternoon of Friday 19th June 2026

Summer Fayre - 3.30-5.30pm on Friday 19th June 2026.

Foundation Farm trip - Monday 22nd June 2026.

Parents / Grown-ups Afternoon (rescheduled) - Thursday 2nd July 2026 2pm - 3.30pm

